THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIHUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in 28 States covering 408 selected districts to boost the production of oilseeds in the country. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture and micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers block demonstrations by State Deptt. of Agriculture and frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C. A.R.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)The amount allocated and the actual amount spent as Central share under the programme during 1999-2000.2000-01 and 2001 -02 is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation of Funds		Actual amount spent
	E£	RE.	
1999-2000	109.10	100.00	99.97
2000-2001	92.00	93.62	93.62
2001-2002	88.00	93.00	91.22

Opening a dairy in Himachal Pradesh

3717. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open a dairy in Himachal Pradesh during the current financial year:

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not. the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of financial allocations made, so far, in this respect; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State Government has informed that there are already three dairy plants in the cooperative sector and two in private sector functioning in the State. No proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh for opening of a new dairy under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme is pending with Government of India.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Question does not arise.

Assistance to Maharashtra for development and promotion of agriculture projects

3718. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of financial assistance given by the Union Government to the Maharashtra Government for the development and promotion of agricultural projects during the last two years;

(b)whether the fund granted by the union Government for the purpose has been fully utilized by the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUM DEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (c) The details of funds released and utilized by the Maharashtra Government for the development of agriculture under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation during the last two years are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	2001-02		2002-03	
		Funds released	Expenditure	Funds released	Expenditure (Provisional)*
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Macro Management Scheme	9000.00	9443.78	6560.00	3941.70